Roebuck at Halifax the 8th Nov. 1775

Sir

I have the honor to acquaint you that I arrived here the 7 instant with his Majesty's Ship under my command, having Sailed from England the 9th September, and in my way called at the Island Fayal in order to take in wine for the Ships company.

I should have proceeded imediately to Boston, after having landed Commodore Arbuthnot, had he not thought proper to detain me here.

Enclosed is the packet I received from the Admiralty. I am with great regard

Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant

A. S. Hamond

Vice Admiral Graves

commander in chief &c. &c. &c.

Boston

Sir

Roebuck at Halifax 4 Dec. 1775

Lieutenant Orde of his Majesty's Ship under my command has acquainted me by letter of this date, that he has in my absence, confined the Boatswain for disobedience of Orders, contempt to his Superior Officers & for using mutinous express.ns

I am therefore to request you will be pleased (when opportunity offers) to order a Court Martial

to

to be held on the said Boatswain to try him for those offences, and in the mean to order a Survey to be taken upon his Stores. I am &c.

A. S. Hamond

Marriot Arbuthnot Esq.
commodore and commander in chief &c. &c.
Halifax —

Roebuck at Halifax 6th Decr. 1775

Sir

I beg leave to acquaint you that I have in consequence of my orders, examined the Cargo of the Bob & Joan Schooner, detained here last night by his Majesty's Ship under my command, and find that no part thereof appears perishable, except the Ten Barrells of Limes and Oranges. I am &c.

A. S. Hamond

P.S.

You will, Sir, receive herewith a report of the Schooner, and her Shipping papers.

Marriot Arbuthnot Esq.
&c. &c.
Halifax

Roebuck at Halifax 9th Jany. 1776

Sir

I beg leave to acquaint you, that the Boatswain of His Majesty's Ship under my command has been confined and Suspended from duty ever since the 1st of December last, being charged by Lieut. Orde with disobedience of orders, contempt to his

Superiors

Superior Officer, and using mutenous expressions

I therefore beg the favour you will please to order a Courtmartial to be held upon him when opportunity offers.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
& most humble Servant
A S Hamond

Vice Admiral Graves &c &c
Boston

Roebuck at Halifax 4th Jan.y 1776

Sir

By his Majestys Ship the Cerberus, which arrived here yesterday, I had the honor to receive your orders of the 25th December directing me to proceed in the Ship I command to Virginia, to take the command of his Majestys Ships and vessels on that Station, and employ them as I shall find best for the Kings Service, which I shall ~~lose~~ lose no time to obey.

Enclosed is a list of the Letters and orders I received at the same time.

I am with all possible respect
Sir
Your most obedient
and most humble Servant
A S Hamond

Vice Admiral Graves
&c. &c. &c.
Boston

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List of Orders and letters receive from Vice admiral Graves commander in chief &c. &c. &c.

An order dated 25th December 1775 to put myself under his command: General and additional Codes of Orders and instructions of the same date.

Four press Warrants; Two restraining acts of parliament past last Session, with an order to put them in execution, dated the 25th december; Letter of the same date, enclosing his Majesty's Proclamation of the 23d August last, an Order dated 25th December not to proceed to England upon the requisition of the Governor of any of his Majesty's Provinces; A Letter of the 25th December enclosing one from Sr. Mowat of the 9th of the same Month containing intelligence to be communicated to the Captains Serving to the Southward; Memorandum. concerning the Masters being allowed whole Pilotage; a form of a Weekly account. Given under my hand on board his Majesty's Ship the Roebuck at Halifax the 4th January 1776

A S Hamond

Roebuck at Halifax 12th Jany 76

Gentlemen

I take this the first opportunity to send you enclosed herewith by his Majestys Ship the Somerset, Two complete Monthly Muster Books for his Majestys Ship under my command, commencing the 4th July 1775 and ending the 31st October following: Also Seven Pay Tickets Lettered and numbered as

AB/61/
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/63/
/64/
/65/
/66/
/67/

Margin, for Men discharged Dead and unserviceable

I am &c.

A. S. Hamond

The Principal Officers & Commiss. of his Majestys Navy

Navy Office

London

Roebuck at Virginia the 10th Feb 1776

Sir

Having received the enclosed Copy of a letter from Vice Admiral Graves containing some intelligence. I have thought it necessary to acquaint you therewith:

If you should be able to procure any Pilots for the River Delawar I should be glad you would send them to me here. I am

Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant

A. S. Hamond

Captain Parry

of his Majestys Sloop the Cruizer

North Carolina

Sir Roebuck at Hamton Road in Virginia 14 Feb. 1776

In return to your letter of this days date enclosing several demands for Provisions and Stores; I send you a list of the only Articles and quantities which are in my power to spare you from the Ship under my command: viz.

To be had of the Purser	Bread	1500 pounds
	Pease	8 Bus.
	Shoes	30 pair
Gunner	Powder	5 Barl.
	Pap. Cart. dge. 6 Pr.	100 No.
	Match	28 lb
Carpent.	A few Nails, some Tin & Leather	

I am

Yours &c.

A. S. Hamond

Captain Montagu

of his Majs. Sloop

Kingsfisher

By Andrew Snape Hamond Esqr. Captain of his Majestys Ship the Roebuck and commanding Officer in Virginia.

In consequence of the application you have made to me by letter of this date, setting forth that Tobias Verdin Boatswain of his Majestys Sloop under command, who you had some time since suspended for neglect of duty, has lately shewn (himself with) great courage and alacrity on several occasions subduing the Rebels, and

~~and had received a dangerous wound on that Service; likewise enclosing a letter from him, expressing his Sence of his Error and promise of future good behavour~~

~~You are hereby required and directed to restore the Said Boatswain to his duty~~

~~Given under my hand on board his Majs. Ship the Roebuck off Norfolk in Virginia the 16th February 1776~~

~~To Captain Squire commander of his Ms. Sloop Otter~~

Roebuck off Norfolk in Virginia 26 Feby 76

Sir

As I think it necessary to send the Otter imediately to Sea on a short Cruize, it is my desire that the Liverpool should be placed so as to give protection to the Mill point, until I can send another Ship to releive her, which I hope may be in my power to do in about a week: This Arrangement will give you an opportunity of Baking your flour into bread, and getting your Ship in all other respects ready for the Sea, which as Soon as you have completed you will be so good as to inform me. I am &c.

A S Hamond

Captain Bellew
of his Majesty's Ship
Liverpool

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Roebuck off Norfolk in Virginia the 16 27 February 1776.

Sir

The enclosed letters I have lately received from Boston, and take the earliest opportunity of sending them to you.

I shall be very Glad to hear from you and be informed of the situation of affairs in your province, as well as to co-operate with you in any measure for the good of his Majesty's Service.

I have the honor to be
Sir
&c
A S Hamond

Robert Eden Esquire
deputy Governor of his Majesty's
Province of Maryland, in America
Anapolis

Roebuck at New york 1 Decr. 1776

Gentlemen

I take this the first safe opportunity to send you herewith, the account of all the Provisions rec^d on board His Majesty's Ship under my command, as well as the Several Reports of Surveys taken on defective Provisions or otherwise between the 14th July 1775 and the 14th July 1776; and to acquaint you, that the Loans and returns, on account of the Nature of His^{M's} Service, are deferred for an other conveyance. I am &c

A S H

Commiss^rs for V. & His M^s. Navy
V. O. London

Roebuck at New York the 1st 1776

Gentlemen

I take this the first opportunity to send you herewith Six complete Monthly Muster Books for his Majesty's Ship under my command, commencing the 1st day of November 1775 and ending the 31st day of October following; Also the other Books and papers necessary for passing my accounts down to the 14th July last; And forty Seven pay Tickets lettered and Numbered as pr Margin for Dead and unserviceable Men Discharged within the above time. I am &c.a

A S Hamond

The Hon.ble the Principal Off.s
and Comm.rs of His Maj.s Navy London

Schedule of Books and papers Sent with the above accounts Viz.t —

1 Alphabet
6 Complete M.r Books
1 Slop Book
2 Journals
1 Book of Coast Observations
1 ——— of the Receipt of Provision
1 Sick Book
1 Book of Tickets rec.d & expended
1 ... Paper received and Expended
1 ... Counterpart of Boatswains Stores expended
1 ... Gunners ... D.o
1 ... Carpenters ... D.o
1 ... Boatswains Stores Supplied and Rec.d
1 ... Gunners ... D.o
1 ... Carpenters ... D.o
1 Certificate to the Navy Board that no Stores were b.t &c.a
1 ... of the Ships Company &c.a
1 ... of the Pursers to the Captain
1 ... that No Survey Book is left ordest
1 Letter to the Victualing office to Signify to the Navy B.d that no imprest is standing there
1 ... Navy Board with the Complete Books, Dead Tickets &c.a
1 ... Victualing office with the account of Provisions Rec.d down to the 14 July 1776.

1 An ord.r to take the com.d of His M. Ships at Virginia
1 Rec.t for Certificates D.d M.r John Hunter for an Anchor and Hawser Purchased

1775 — 12 Oct.r ... 1 Report of Survey on defective Butter
2 Dec.r ... 1 ... d.o ... on the Remains of Boatswains Stores, and Transf.d to Alex.r Forbes
1776 — 13 April ... 1 ... d.o ... On decayed Rigging
2 May ... 1 ... d.o ... On the Remains of Stores in the act Boats charge, transferred to M.r Simmons
18 ... 1 ... d.o ... On defective Bread in the Roebuck
20 June ... 1 ... d.o ... On M.r Chase Russel Purser of the Otter
22 ... 1 ... d.o ... On the Remains of Provisions in the Charge of M.r Russel transferred to M.r Noel Sivney
27 ... 1 ... d.o ... On Spirits in the Levant Vict.r
1 July ... 1 ... d.o ... On defective Bread in d.o
1 ... 1 ... d.o ... On defective Bread &c. in the Otter
1 ... 1 Voucher for Powder Purchased at Virginia
20 Oct.r ... 47 Pay Tickets down to that time
1 Copy of y.e Admiral Graves & Shuldhams orders to procure and bear Pilots
1 order to bear Supernumeraries —